

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (Original) A method of handling international trade finance transactions, comprising:

providing access to the transaction financier staff and to international commercial trade finance work items corresponding to the trade commerce transaction financing and comprising issuances, advisements, amendments and payments at remote spoke user access locations; and

processing, at a consolidated centralized hub processing location, all the commercial trade finance work items across multiple bank organizations, coupled to said remote locations and consolidating back office processing of the work items in real-time with constant processing availability by using workflow routing between the locations as they become available for handling the work items and using a consolidated computer database in processing the work items, the database having multiple base currencies each base currency corresponding to a country source of the transactions

2. (Original) A method of handling international trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

accessing the international trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments and payments, at remote spoke user access locations in different time zones; and

providing back office processing of the work items across multiple bank organizations, across the different time zones in real-time using a consolidated computer database in processing the work item, the database having multiple base currencies, each base currency corresponding to a country source of the transactions at a single consolidated hub processing location having one or more computers coupled to said remote locations

3. (Original) A method of handling international trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

accessing the international trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments and payments and a document image related to the work item by the transaction financier staff through a user interface; and

processing, through a single consolidated processing system, the work item across multiple bank organizations in real-time and providing the image of the document with constant processing and image availability using a consolidated database in processing the work item, the database having multiple base currencies.

4. (Original) A method of handling international trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

Accessing, through a user interface, international trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments, and payments to the transaction financier staff; and

Processing, with Around-the-clock capability, the work item across multiple bank organizations in real-time using a consolidated database in processing the work item, the database having multiple base currencies by a single consolidated processing system.

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein work item processing is referenced to a global system time.

6. (Original) A method of handling international trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

Accessing, through a user interface, international trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments, and payments; and

Processing, by a consolidated processing system, work items across multiple bank organizations in real-time using business objects having an object hierarchy with common code in ancestor objects, reusable service objects providing services only, reusable component objects and hooks within the objects allowing addition of code without altering the common code and using a consolidated database in processing the work item.

7. (Original) A method of handling trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

initiating execution of a business object at geographically distributed processing locations, each location including user work stations having a trade finance interface; and performing, by an application server, back office trade finance business logic for

processing international trade finance transactions across multiple bank organizations in real-time responsive to initiation by the work stations with constant processing availability using a consolidated database in processing; the database having base currencies corresponding to country sources of the transactions, at a consolidated central processing location coupled to said distributed locations.

8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein said business object communicates with a consolidated database server for data required by the business logic.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein one of the work stations executes a business object.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein a communication object communicates between the interface and the business object.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein workers at different geographic locations have different work periods and said central processing location reassigning work items to the different locations responsive to the periods.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the business logic is performed relative to a trade instrument identified on said interface, the trade instrument having a trade document associated therewith and said system further comprising an image server storing an image of the document and a link to the instrument, allowing the interface to retrieve the image from the instrument.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, further comprising connection and transport objects providing communication between said interface and said business object.

14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein said interface includes only input output logic.

15. (Original) A method as recited in claims 7, further comprising an object communication service requesting attribute values for fields of a window of said interface.

16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7, further comprising an attribute manager accessing an attribute object for an attribute of the business object.

17. (Original) A method of handling trade commerce transaction financing, comprising:

providing access to trade finance work items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments and payments and a document image related to the work item and an instrument to the transaction financier staff at geographically distributed processing locations, each location located in a different time zone and including user work stations having a trade finance interface initiating execution of a business object, and

processing the work items and across the different time zones providing twenty-four hour seven day a week processing by assigning the work items to workers at different geographic locations having different work periods and providing the image of the document with constant processing and image availability items comprising issuances, advisements, amendments, and payments, using a work flow distribution rules table and a rollover rules table with a rule making process at a consolidated central processing location coupled to said distributed locations and consolidating back office processing of the work items using a consolidated database in and comprising:

holding and executing, by an application server, the business object to perform trade finance business logic responsive to initiation by the work stations, a communication object communicating between the interface and the business object, and an attribute manager accessing an attribute object for an attribute of the business object;

storing a consolidated database comprising data required by the business logic and having multiple base currencies by a database server; and

storing an image of the document and a link to the instrument, allowing the interface to retrieve the image from the instrument, the document or the work item an image server.

18. (Currently Amended) A trade finance system, comprising:
remote spoke user access locations providing access to trade finance work items;
and
a centralized hub processing location coupled to said remote locations and consolidating trade finance logic function processing of the work items.

19. (Currently Amended) A trade finance system, comprising:

remote spoke user access locations providing access to a trade finance work item and located in different time zones; and

a hub processing location coupled to said remote locations and performing trade finance logic function processing of the work item across the different time zones.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage media for controlling a computer by initiating trade finance processing of trade finance work items from geographically distributed locations and performing trade finance logic function processing the work items in a centralized location.